

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and review

Minutes: December 8, 2015

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, and Commissioners Booth, Pearson, Jackson, Walker and Filippi.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq., Administrative Officer Kathy Hague and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

Absent from today's hearing were Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Thornton, Sylvester and Richard.

Minutes: Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded Commissioner Filippi, to accept the December 1, 2015, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #150100: Rev. John Codega, appeared for the property located at 55 Turner Avenue, Riverside (East Providence). ADSFM Kenneth Botelho and ADSFM James Bellamy appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office, for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm

system in this facility, with an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the existing assembly occupancy below grade level without a sprinkler system to remain in use. In granting this variance the Board directs that the occupancy load for the Cafeteria section shall not exceed more than one hundred fifty (150) persons and that concurrent occupancy of the Cafeteria, Gathering Hall and Lower Gym shall not be permitted. The Board further directs the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office to determine and set the occupant load of Gathering Hall and Lower Gym area of this facility. Finally, the Board hereby authorizes the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline(s) for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated by the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Board Rules and regulations, section 6-2.22.1. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL # 150115: Thomas A. Rose, Sr. and Thomas A. Rose, Jr., appeared for the property located at 245 Warren Avenue, (Riverside) East Providence. ADSFM Kenneth Botelho and ADSFM James Bellamy appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to remove all storage blocking the rear egress and mark the rear egress area with yellow markings to show the egress passage way and for the installation of compliant hardware on all the doors in this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days to

have the sprinkler system in this facility inspected and tested to ensure it is compliant. If not the Applicant must make the upgrades to bring this sprinkler system into full compliant within the fire code and the Applicant must remove storage to include the dumpster being stored in the attached garage in this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant was granted a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system to include the emergency lights in this facility and the exterior emergency light on backside only. Also this facility must have approved exit illumination, with approved emergency lighting throughout this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of an approved automatic sprinkler system throughout this facility and an additional one hundred (150) days in order to implement the above plan of action. Finally, the Board hereby authorizes the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline(s) for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated by the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Board Rules and regulations, section 6-2.22.1. The motion passed on 5 to 0 vote with Commissioner Walker recusing himself from consideration of this case.

APPEAL #150116: Aldo DelRio and Peter Casale, appeared for the property located at 40 Melrose Street, Providence. DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner

Walker made a motion, and seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the proposed configuration of the two (2) interior stairs without a landing. The motion passed unanimously.

• Old Business:

Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame advised the Board members that Department of Administration Legal Department, will be meeting with the Governor's Office to discuss the Fire Board Bill on Thursday.

Open Forum / Public Comment

Chief Fenwick Gardiner of North Kingstown has retired and Scott Kettelle is taking his place.

• Adjournment:

Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 P.M.